

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the prior art rejections set forth by the Examiner under 35 USC sections 102 and 103. Applicant submits that the prior art references cited by the Examiner, whether considered alone or in combination fail to either teach or suggest Applicant's presently claimed invention.

More specifically, in response to the Examiner's rejections, Applicant has modified the independent claims to further distinguish from the art by also specifying that the display is further comprised of spacers located throughout the effective picture element area and that the second seal portion is comprised of dot-shaped seal parts adjacent corners of the effective picture element area and along two sides thereof and which are separated from both a peripheral portion of the effective picture element area and the first seal portion.

In contrast, the Lagerwall reference teaches that the peripheral spacers are located directly at the peripheral portion of the display region and that they are have an elongated shape and orientation in order to guide the liquid crystal material during manufacture. See specifically, column 10 at lines 30-37. Accordingly, this reference actually teaches away from Applicants claimed invention as now specified. There is simply no teaching or suggestion in any of the references of record regarding the sealing and spacing structures described in the specification and now claimed wherein the second seal portion is comprised of dot-shaped seal parts adjacent corners of the effective picture element area and along two sides thereof and which are separated from both a peripheral portion of the picture element area and the first seal portion. The cited art actually provides no teaching or suggestion whatsoever regarding these

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key features which advantageously allow ease of manufacture and ensure proper alignment of the claimed display. Neither Lagerwall nor any other reference teaches or suggests this advance in the art.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner now withdraw the prior art rejections and allow all claims in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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